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In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 1773  
Hideki KURAMITSU, et al. ) Examiner: KEVIN R. KRUER  
Serial No.: 09/830,493 )  
Filed: September 4, 2001 )  
For: ELECTRONIC DEVICE OF CERAMIC )

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 6, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 6, 2003, wherein the Examiner required restriction between Group I - Claims 1-21, drawn to a method of making a ceramic electronic component and Group II - Claims 22-24, drawn to a ceramic electronic component, Applicants elect without traverse, Group I - claims 1-21 for initial prosecution on the merits. Please cancel claims 22-24, without prejudice.

Applicants also reserves the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 22-24, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have

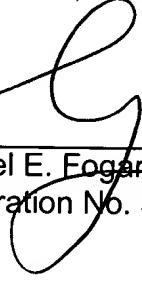
inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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